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FOR ASST SECRETARY KUBISCH, AMB. HENDERSON FROM FORD

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SUBJ: MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, MEXICO CITY, FEBRUARY 1974

1. IN EIGHT DAY MEETING OF OAS COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, JUST COMPLETED, WE HAD OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS MEXICO CITY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR OAS COLLEAGUES, AMBASSADORS AND ALTERNATES WHO WILL BE IN MEXICO CITY FOR TECHNICAL LEVEL AND SUBSEQUENT FULL SESSION OF MINISTERS.

2. SEVERAL OF OUR OAS COLLEAGUES ARE WORKING ON PAPERS FOR USE BY THEIR FOREIGN MINISTER AT MEXICO CITY. THEIR MAIN CONCERN IS OVER HOW TO APPROACH THE DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. THIS CONCERN IS ENHANCED BY THE TYPE OF SPECTACLE WE HAVE WITNESSED HERE OF LENGTHY AND UTTERLY MEANINGLESS INTERVENTIONS, FILLUBUSTERING,

PLAYING FOR GRANDSTANDS, THE CUSTOMARY WAY OF DOING BUSINESS IN
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THE OAS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS, AS ONE OAS ALTERNATE PUT

IT, QUOTE IF THEY TRY THAT WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER I HOPE HE WALKS OUT UNQUOTE

3. MOST USEFUL COMMENT FROM PLANNING STANDPOINT CAME FROM AMBASSADOR JORGE DEL CAMPO VIDAL, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND EVALUATION OF THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN OFFICE, WITH WHOM I HAVE WORKED IN WASHINGTON AND LIMA ON THE OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE. HE COVERED TWO POINTS:

A. HE IS WORKING ON A SERIES OF PAPERS FOR HIS FOREIGN MINISTER RELATING TO THE TOPICS ON THE MEXICO CITY AGENDA. HE HAS REQUESTED HIS PEOPLE TO INSURE THAT THESE FOREIGN OFFICE PAPERS ARE MODELS OF BREVITY, NO MORE THAN THREE PAGES ON MORE DIFFICULT TOPICS, WITH PAGE AND A HALF BEING THE DESIRED AVERAGE.

B. HE UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF NOT HAVING AT MEXICO CITY A CECLA (LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS TYPE GET TOGETHER, WHERE LATINS FIRST ORGANIZE THEIR POSITION AND THEN APPROACH US THEREWITH. WHAT HE IS RECOMMENDING IS THAT AT SOME POINT IN TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS US TECHNICAL EXPERTS JOIN THE LATINS, DISCUSS THEIR PAPERS, BENEFIT FROM US VIEWS AND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW SECRETARY KISSINGER DOES BUSINESS.

C. HE FELT US HAD TO ADD TO AGENDA AS EVIDENCE OF REAL INTEREST AND BELIEVED FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD HOPE SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD GIVE THEM A TOUR D'HORIZON, PARTICULARLY THOSE ASPECTS OF WORLD EVENTS AFFECTING WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

4. THE ONLY MENTION OF THE MEXICO CITY MEETING IN VOLUMINOUS OAS DOCUMENTATION DISCUSSED IN PLENARY SESSION, BROUGHT FORTH THE RETORT BY AMBASSADOR PITY OF PANAMA THAT THE OAS SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT MEETING; THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MADE IT CLEAR AT BOGOTA THEY WANTED THIS ONE TO BE OUTSIDE THE OAS FORUM. PITY SAID MINISTERS CRITICIZED COLOMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HAVING INVITED GALO PLAZA TO BOGOTA. OF COURSE, AMBASSADOR PITY IS PERFECT EXAMPLE HIMSELF OF WHAT IS WRONG WITH OAS, HE HAVING WASTED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF TRANSCRIPT IN USELESS DEBATE. (PITY HAS PERSONAL VENDETTA RE GALO PLAZA).

5. THERE ALSO HAS BEEN SOME CORRIDOR COMMENT AMONG DELEGATIONS HERE ABOUT OUR PLEDGE WITH QUERY IF THIS HAS ANY IMPLICATION AS TO WHAT LATINS CAN EXPECT AT MEXICO CITY ON COOPERATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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DEVELOPMENT. CESAR PICON ESPINOZA OF PERU, DIRECTOR GENERAL IN THE EDUCACION BASICA LABORAL Y CALIFICACION DEL MINISTERIO DE EDUCACION CONFIDED TO DR. STANLEY APPEL GATE USDEL THAT DELEGATIONS FROM BRAZIL, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA HAD APPROACHED HIM ABOUT SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION OR A MOTION IN THE CIECC CONFERENCE HERE CRITICIZING THE US LOW PLEDGE. PICON ESPINOZA SAID HE WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THESE TACTICS IN AN OTHERWISE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

6. ON DOMINICAN RADIO SATURDAY MORNING AND ON FRONT PAGE LISTIN
DIARIO VENEZUELAN OAS AMBASSADOR GARUA BUSTILLOS WITH REFERENCE
TO US LOW PLEDGE QUOTED AS SAYING "THIS NORTH AMERICAN ACTION
IN HEART OF CIECC IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHAT DR. KISSINGER WILL
SAY TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES."

7. DRA ALTAGRACIA DE SUAREZ, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION,
BELLAS ARTES Y CULTOS OF DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, CLOSED CIECC MEETING
AT 2:00 A.M. SATURDAY. PLAN DEPART FOR WASHINGTON SUNDAY
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